

Dear Sirs

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I Carl E. Clifton Agricultural Coordinator for Arion Energy, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

The PTC, support thousands of jobs in our state and tens of thousands around the country. Orders must be made months in advance for turbines and support material. Without the passage of an extension of the PTC soon, it will become impossible to make plans for next years. Thousands of people will be laid off. It will take the industry years to get back to where we are now. This will affect manufacturing jobs, construction jobs, engineering jobs, trucking jobs, rail jobs, maintenance jobs to mention just a few. We have worked hard to promote education for our industry, tens of thousand of Americans are in college right now studying to build and maintain American wind farms. Without an immediate passage of the PTC extension there will be no jobs when they graduate.

The passage of the PTC effect American citizens from all walks of life. Clean American wind energy has been a God Send for farmers all over the Midwest. It allows them a revenue stream they had not known in the past. The payments they receive are helping keep a new generations on the land. Millions of acres are under lease in the Midwest and West. Without quick passage of an extension of the PTC, developer will be forced to cancel the leases and quit making payment to farmers.

The loss of jobs in our cities and revenue to our farmers could not come at a worse time for our country. A decision to move quickly will avert a disaster in this great American industry. The total job loss country wide is conservatively estimated to reach 45,000. The loss of investment from the USA and abroad will be counted in the billions. Loss of revenue to our struggling family farms in the hundreds of millions.

Now is the time to step forward and show your support for American energy, for American jobs, for American business, for the American farmer.

We are a small American business, working hard everyday to make a profit and a difference. Please extend the PTC and give us and tens of thousands of hard working Americans a chance to succeed.

Sincerely Yours:

Carl E. Clifton.